



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: RICHARD KNAUER ET AL. ) Conf. No.: 3656  
SERIAL NO: 09/990,654 )  
FILED: November 21, 2001 ) Group Art Unit:  
FOR: A HEARING PROTECTIVE DEVICE ) 3743  
AND METHOD OF MAKING THE ) Examiner:  
THE SAME ) Fadi Dahbour

REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111, WITH AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 22, 2004, please enter the following:

**Amendments to the Claims**, beginning on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks**, beginning on page 10 of this paper.

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